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Minutes 5-18-2011

Thompson School Building Committee Meeting
 Wednesday, May 18, 2011
 Arlington High School
 Superintendent's Office – Sixth Floor
 6:00 pm

Present:

Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent, Chair
 John Cole, TSBC, PTBC
 Mark Miano, TSBC, PTBC, Supv of Bldg. Maintenance
 Domenic Lanzillotti, Town of Arlington, Purchasing Officer
 Tony Lionetta CPC, TSBC
 Tobey Jackson, TSBC, Parent Rep

Attendees:

Kevin Nigro, PMA Consultants,
 Lori Cowles, HMFH – Melissa Greene, Project Architect

The meeting was called to order at 6:05

Report on Special Town Meeting

Supt. Bodie reported that Article 5 to fund the Thompson School Rebuild Project passed with a unanimous vote at Town Meeting on May 16th; she congratulated John Cole and Jeff Thielman for their presentations.

Update on MSBA Meeting

Kevin Nigro, OPM, Supt. Bodie, Lori Cowles HMFH and Sheri Donovan, Thompson school principal attended the May 18th MSBA meeting. Kevin Nigro reported that the board is questioning the reduction of square footage in the rebuild project and if a renovation project would work instead of building a new school. MSBA is requesting verification that rebuilding is a better option than renovation and wants affirmation that it meets programmatically the educational needs of the Town of Arlington.

On a motion by John Cole seconded by Mark Miano it was

Voted to authorize the subcommittee to respond to the requests of the MSBA and to create a document addressing the concerns of the MSBA.

John Cole suggested that part of the response include:

- Net to gross analysis of the new building
- Net to gross analysis of the addition/renovation
- Compare and summarize operating costs
- A side by side comparison of 68,000 sq ft/58,000 sq ft.

Supt. Bodie will send a copy of the letter to the members of the TSBC upon completion.

Schematic Design Discussion

Lori Cowles gave an update on the schedule:

- Hydrants – flow test is scheduled for Friday
- HazMat – met last week
- Geotech – scheduled for next week
- TAC – meeting tonight to review site plans provided by HMFH
- Kevin Nigro – will obtain survey status results
- The subcommittee of mechanical systems will meet with HMFH on May 26th
- DESE submission – Supt. Bodie will work on this and send to Lori Cowles, HMFH
- Redistricting draft – Supt. Bodie will submit this to Kevin Nigro, OPM
- HMFH & PMA will meet with the necessary boards and commissions

Site Plans

Lori reviewed the site plans with updates: play area, student gardens, outside classroom and loading area. Lori will continue discussion with Sheri Donovan on the outside area (placement of bike racks, feedback from TAC).

Kevin Nigro will meet the Fire Chief to receive feedback on fire lanes in the site plan.

Floor plans have been updated including developing the administration area, reading suite. The library area is still being worked on.

Exterior Building

HMFH presented two options on the building exterior and requested feedback from the committee.

Option I design had more of a uniform look i.e. windows all aligned.

The Option II design had a more original look and the majority of the Committee was in favor of option II, the project architect will proceed with work on the option II.

Approval of Invoices

On a motion by Tony Lionetta seconded by Domenic Lanzillotti it was unanimously

Voted to approve HMFH invoice 996760 in the amount of \$123,800 for services rendered through April 30th 2011.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Domenic Lanzillotti seconded by Tobey Jackson

Voted approval of the meeting minutes of April 20, 2011

On a motion by Domenic Lanzillotti seconded by Tony Lionetta

Voted approval of the meeting minutes of May 4, 2011 as amended.

New Business

- Tobey Jackson requested that the Superintendent hold an informational meeting with the Thompson community and neighbors before the end of the school year.
- The Thompson School meeting to discuss busing and relocation is scheduled for May 23rd from 7-8:30 pm at the Thompson School.
- Domenic Lanzillotti and Mark Miano will start bid process for the move.
- Domenic Lanzillotti will work with Transportation Director, Rick Iannelli, on the busing bid.
- Mark will check with purchasing regarding placing an order for moving boxes.
- Next meeting scheduled for June 1st at 6:00 pm

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by

Karen Tassone

Recording Secretary